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A 97-YEAR-OLD woman was forced to endure one of the coldest nights of the year without heating, electricity or running water when a massive power cut plunged her flat into darkness.

Housebound Kay Williamson was left trapped on the sixth floor of Stort Tower following the blackout, which affected 611 homes in The Stow area of Harlow on Thursday evening.

It knocked out the lift in the residential block, leaving Mrs Williamson a virtual prisoner in her own home until

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power was restored just after noon the following day.

One of her day carers, Jan Nutting, said the power failure could have put Mrs Williamson's life at risk.

"I think it's shocking that a woman in her 90s has been forced to spend one of the coldest nights of the year without any heating or hot water," she said. "This could have had serious implications for her health."

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Spurs stars bring Christmas cheer

IT was a Lilywhite Christmas for youngsters at Princess Alexandra Hospital when players from Tottenham Hotspur spread some seasonal cheer around the children's ward.

First-team stars Tom Huddlestone, Sebastien Bassong and Vedran Corliuka were joined by coach Clive Allen for Tuesday's visit to the hospital.

They handed out gifts, signed autographs and posed for photographs with children on Dolphin Ward.

Debbie Twist, head of children's services at PAH, said: "Many of these

children will be spending Christmas in hospital so it really brightened up their day to meet some of their favourite football players.

"It's fantastic that the Spurs players are willing to take time out from their busy routine to come and visit. Hopefully seeing the children's faces light up made it just as special for them as it was for the youngsters."

Pictured with Tom Huddlestone and Vedran Corliuka are brothers They and Blaine Glynn. (photo: HAR0618449)



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Halfon backs RBL manifesto

HARLOW Conservative Parliamentary hopeful Robert Halfon has pledged to do his bit for the Armed Forces by supporting the Royal British Legion's election manifesto.

Mr Halfon, a member of the RBL's Harlow branch, made his pledge on the Legion's website.

"They have an important role to play in highlighting the needs of the whole Armed Forces family," he said. "I have pledged to do my bit and would encourage everyone to

visit the website to find out how they can get involved in the campaign."

Mr Halfon met with RBL representatives at the Conservative Party conference where he was presented with a copy of the election manifesto.

Legion spokesman Kevin Shinkwin said: "We hope all parties will give it serious consideration and that every prospective Parliamentary candidate will pledge to do their bit."

Cabbie cleared of racist abuse



Bus drivers and station staff dress for fun to help children's hospital

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By COURT REPORTER
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A CAB driver accused of hurling racist abuse at his Nigerian neighbours while playing loud music containing the chorus "Hey, hey we're the Monkees" has been cleared by a jury at Chelmsford Crown Court.

They took just 40 minutes to find Gary West (42), of Doulton Close, Harlow, not guilty of racially aggravated harassment and an alternative charge of harassment.

Mr West denied that he had screamed obscenities outside the house Okezie Nwachuku shares with his wife and two daughters on June 7 this year.

Giving evidence, Mr West claimed friends who were visiting him that evening had made racist remarks from inside his house after learning Mr Nwachuku had not paid him expenses for a trip to Nigeria.

Mr West told the court he had visited the African country with Mr Nwachuku a year before to help him in a business deal but had yet to receive a penny of almost £1,500 which was owed to him.

On the evening the alleged offences took place he said he had been playing music from the 1960s. The songs were chosen as random and included tracks by Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond and Dusty Springfield, to which, he said, he liked to sing along.

Although local councillor Linda Pailing – who lives nearby – and both Mr and Mrs Nwachuku told the court they heard Mr West shouting racist comments, the defendant claimed neither he nor his guests had gone outside the house.

He told the trial: "My friends came round and brought a crate of lager. I opened the beer and put on some music."

"My friends asked if he [Mr Nwachuku] still owed me the money. I told them it didn't look like I was going to get the money."

"As more and more drink was taken – they are a bit louder than me – I heard racist words coming from inside my house but it wasn't me."

STATION staff and drivers at Harlow's bus terminus got into the Christmas spirit by dressing up to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Passengers were encouraged to donate anything they could afford to help brighten the lives of sick children this Christmas.

One driver – Gary Ansell – dressed as one of the Three Kings and managed to raise £150 during the course of his shift.

Station manager Nadine Aldridge said the total amount of money raised on the day had reached £860, with more still to be collected.

"It was a fantastic day and

everyone had great fun dressing up," she said. "I'm absolutely amazed at how much money we've managed to raise – our passengers have been so generous, especially when you consider how strapped for cash many people are this Christmas."

Collection boxes will remain in the station kiosk until January 7 for any passengers who still want to make a donation.

Pictured are Darren Webb (Batman), Adam Ellis (Rudolph), Darren Green (Santa), Vicky Bullerwell (Minnie Mouse), Colette Minihane (elf) and Nadine Aldridge (Snow White).

(photo: HAR0617742)

Chairman's plaudits for hospital volunteers

TWO volunteer groups have been rewarded for their selfless work assisting patients, relatives and visitors at Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Members of the Meet and Greet team and League of Friends were presented with the Chair's Team Prize at PAH's annual volunteers Christmas lunch.

Individual prizes were also given to haematology unit support worker Joan Edwards, Fleming Ward's Susan Farrow and Vera Girling, who works with the St Margaret's outpatient department.

Staff from across the organisation were asked to nominate those who they feel had gone above and

beyond their duties to help.

PAH Trust chairman Gerald Coteman said: "We really value the contribution that all our volunteers make to the trust."

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Shop staff give time to answer the call of duty

By DAN PHILLIPS

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WHEN a small group of staff from a duty free shop at Stansted Airport visited St Clare Hospice to present a cheque, little did they realise that they would be asked to put their sales skills to use by the charity.

But that's exactly what they did when regional manager Tony Goddard suggested they volunteer to work for a day at the hospice shop in the St James Centre, Harlow.

They happily agreed and spent the day persuading customers to sign up to the St Clare Hospice Retail Gift Aid scheme.

Anyone donating goods to the shops can sign up to Gift Aid, which means the hospice will be able to claim an additional 28 per cent of the price of the goods sold back from the Treasury, without any cost to the donor or customer. Louise Hamilton, retail sales manager for St Clare, said: "Harlow is our busiest shop but it is because it is so busy our existing team of volunteers just don't have the time to convert donors to Gift Aid.



HELPING HANDS: World Duty Free volunteers Sara Henderson, Suzanne Coupland and Lucy Jones are pictured with hospice shop manager Richard White, second left, and assistant manager Jan Blackburn, right (photo: HAR0616241)

"The team from World Duty Free will make a real difference and help us get the Gift Aid ball rolling, but we really need a dedicated team of Gift Aid volunteers working at the Harlow shop to help us tap into this source of income."

The hospice is also appealing for donations of unwanted items which it can sell in its shops. "We always need donations of good quality items to sell, whether its

books, DVDs, CDs, bric-a-brac, household items or clothes. And if the goods we receive are new we can achieve much higher prices."

● Anyone who can spare a couple of hours a week to help encourage donors to the St Clare Hospice shop in Harlow sign up to Gift Aid should, call Louise on (01279) 773732 or Chris Crump on (01279) 773722 for more information.

Fundraiser Keeley says goodbye to her tresses



A YOUNG woman from Harlow has donated her hair to a cancer charity.

Keeley Maynard (21), of Rectory Wood, had the long locks she has had since a child cut off so it can be made into wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair during chemotherapy.

She also hosted a charity night at Barliscious in Bishop's Stortford

earlier this month as part of her bid to raise £2,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Keeley has a personal reason for supporting the charity. "My dad is currently battling non Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer and he has been also suffering depression as a result," she said.

"It's the third time this news has hit him and us."

Church times

FAMILIES wanting to reflect on the religious significance of Christmas will be able to attend Christingle services in Harlow over the festive period.

St Paul's Church, in College Square, will be holding a service at 4pm on Christmas Eve, while St Mary's Little Parndon will hold a service at 5pm.

On Christmas Day, St Mary's Church, in Parndon Mill Lane, will hold a family communion service at 9.30am, while St Paul's holds a similar service at 11am.

Band of gold

THE Harlow Concert Band raised more than £160 for the British Heart Foundation while playing at the Harvey Centre in Harlow town centre.

Conductor Mike Pearce said the band performed a varied selection of music and carols to an appreciative audience. Donations totalled £161.41 from the performance on Saturday, December 5.

Both Mr Pearce and the band's tuba player Bill Hill have undergone cardiac surgery recently at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge.

Family pay tribute to cycle dad killed in road crash



THE family of a father-of-seven killed in an accident on the A414 between Harlow and Ware have described him as a fun-loving man who always liked to laugh.

Cyclist John Brace-Day (54), of High Wych Lane, High Wych, died when he was in collision with a lorry near the Briggens House Hotel junction last Tuesday. Mr Brace-Day is survived by his wife, Carol (53), and children Alan (37), Jay-John (34), Jamie (32), Kelly (30), Astra (28), Zoe (22) and Zara (8).

He also leaves six grandchildren.

In a tribute released this week, Mrs Brace-Day said: "John always wanted a big family as he was an only child. He wanted to have six children, so Zara was a bonus.

"When we all get together, we really have to cram us all in, especially as we have four dogs and four cats as well.

"John was a very chatty person. He would always be having a laugh and a joke and you'd often see him dancing around the kitchen while he was cooking. He enjoyed food and did a lot of cooking. He was very domesticated."

A keen Arsenal supporter, Mr Brace-Day was born in Bishop's Stortford and grew up in Allens Green. He went to Leventhorpe School in Sawbridgeworth and worked at RCJ Metal Finishers in Hoddesdon.

His funeral will be held at St James' Church in High Wych at 11am next Wednesday (December 30), followed by cremation at Harlow crematorium.

The family has asked for flowers can be sent to funeral directors Daniel Robinson & Sons in Sawbridgeworth.

Man caught selling fake DVDs given community order

A MAN caught selling pirated DVDs on a Harlow market stall has been spared a prison sentence.

But as the judge at Chelmsford Crown Court imposed a community order on Michael Smith, he told him he was doing so "with hesitation".

The court heard that Smith (37), of Standingford, Harlow, had already been given an official warning by a trading standards officer who caught him selling copied

DVDs in October 2007.

Prosecutor Lady Lapite told the court that Smith was then seen selling the DVDs on January 13, 20 and 27 last year. When he was observed doing it again the following month, police and trading standards mounted a joint operation to arrest Smith.

His home was searched and a DVD burner, copying machine, blank disks and a box marked "old stock" were found. Almost 500 counterfeit disks were seized.

Smith, who pleaded guilty to four offences of selling goods with a sign identical to a registered trade mark and seven offences of controlling goods or packaging of a sign identified to a registered trade mark, told police he had produced the DVDs at home using a duplicator and had been selling them since Christmas 2007.

Farah Ahmed, representing Smith, said in mitigation he supported three of his six children from previous relationships, had money

problems and had embarked on the "stupid and foolish" scheme to earn some extra money.

The most he earned from selling the copied DVDs at the Sunday market over those weekends was £50 a time.

Judge David Calvert-Smith ordered Smith to complete 200 hours of unpaid work and ordered him to pay £1,000 towards the cost of the case. He also ordered the forfeiture of the equipment, blanks and other disks.

Slimming pills warning after cops close clinics

By CHRIS MOSS

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SLIMMERS who have taken pills prescribed at a weight-loss clinic in Harlow have been urged by police to seek medical advice.

Easy Slim, which operated a chain of clinics throughout the country including one at the Latton Bush Centre in Southern Way, has been shut down by police following an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a 57-year-old woman for drug supply offences.

The woman, from Romford, was arrested by officers from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit earlier this month.

She faces allegations of supplying a controlled Class C drug and was remanded in custody until January 13 when she appeared at Central Herts Magistrates Court on Thursday.

Detective Superintendent Jane Swinburne, of the Serious and Organised Crime Group, said: "Anyone who has been prescribed tablets at these clinics should make contact with their GP or a local pharmacist who can offer further health-care advice.

"This enquiry will continue for some time but our priority at the moment is making sure those who have attended these clinics are aware of the situation. We have already posted messages at the clinics to warn the public and wanted to make a wider appeal.

"In the past few days we have been working to identify the locations of the clinics and anybody else who may be connected with this investigation."

A second individual, a 62-year-old man from Merseyside, has also been arrested on suspicion of money laundering and has been released on bail.



Labour deputy sings MP's praise at party fundraiser

LABOUR'S deputy leader Harriet Harman issued a rallying cry to supporters when she attended the Harlow party's Christmas dinner on Thursday.

Ms Harman, introduced by local MP Bill Rammell as a champion for women's rights and equality, was guest of honour at the party's festive fundraiser held at Harlow Rugby Club.

In a speech made to an audience which included local party members and East of England Euro MP Richard Howitt, Ms Harman threw her support behind Mr Rammell ahead of next year's General Election.

She also answered questions on issues ranging from public spending plans to the rise of the British National Party.

Speaking after the event, Ms Harman said: "Harlow Labour Party is out campaigning for the next election with an active and engaged local MP in Bill Rammell.

"I know that residents in Harlow have seen the difference a Labour government has made to their area and the work Bill does as Minister for the Armed Forces and to support service families is important for the whole country."

LABOUR FORCE:

Pictured, left to right, are Sue Ennifer, Bill Rammell, Harriet Harman, East of England Euro MP Richard Howitt and Dennis Palmer

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Next, which has a shop in The Water Gardens, narrowly beat Primark in the Harvey centre in the multiple shops category with what the judges described as a vibrant, eye-catching display.

Florist Bernard Chapman, in West Walk, won in the independent

retailer category, with Changing Rooms, in Broad Walk, the runner up.

In the charity category, Ecco in Little Walk won for the second year running. The runner up was DebRA, in East Walk.

The competition was organised by the Harlow Town Centre Partnership which presented each shop with an engraved cup which they can display until the start of next year's festivities.



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KIDDI CARU: Toddlers at the Kiln Lane nursery got into the festive spirit when they dressed up as their favourite Christmas characters to celebrate the pre-school's fifth anniversary.

Wannabe Santas, elves, reindeer and even the odd snowman joined in with party games, enjoyed a Christmas disco and made their own Christmas cards to take home to their families

Nursery manager Kelly Walker-Reid said: "It was a really fun day for the children and very special for the staff, six of whom have been here since the nursery opened five years ago.

"The kids all enjoyed dressing up and really enjoyed the party games. - It was the perfect way to celebrate Christmas and our birthday rolled into one!"

(photo: HAR0616132)



STEWARDS: Hundreds of people packed into the school hall to watch an all-singing, all-dancing Christmas spectacular.

There were also traditional Bible readings by Lottie Shelton, India Brabbs and Beatrice Stanesby.

A school spokeswoman said: "Seasoned performers such as Harrison Taylor and Jed Smith performed alongside a new found talent, Howard Mash in Year 7 who certainly will be performing for some years to come.

"Britain certainly has got talent and it was very evident on this evening of fun and festivities."

The event was organised by head of drama Di Johnson, head of dance Jo Holden and Stuart Barden, who is the new teacher in charge of music. (s)



THE DOWNS: Staff and pupils unwrapped an early Christmas present when Conservative parliamentary hopeful Robert Halfon presented the school with a Healthy Schools Award.

Mr Halfon handed over certificates and congratulated staff during a special assembly at the school in The Hides.

A school spokesman said: "Staff and children have worked very hard to achieve this award, which not only acknowledges promotion of healthy eating but also encompasses anti-bullying and social well-being." (s)



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Where are all these police on the beat?

SIR, We read in the **Star** about another sickening crime on the elderly ("Scum", December 10) What has it become for the elderly to have to live day and night in fear? What sentence will this deviant get? A slap on the wrist and a small fine, a few days in prison and a holiday courtesy of us, the taxpayer. Time in prison needs to be severe, not a short break at the Holiday Inn.

I keep seeing adverts on the television about police actually walking the beat and being accountable to us. Where were they on the morning when this monstrous crime was taking place?

We have certainly not seen any police walking around the Katharines and Summners area. If we are lucky maybe once in a while they may drive by.

Maybe only the worthy get the police in their area. It seems to me we are living in a dictatorship, not a democracy. We do pay for them to protect life and property without favour or ill-will, so please do the job or at least make an effort to.

S. Sadler
Mallows Green, Harlow

What of the service for council tenants?

SIR, I refer to your recent article regarding the Audit Commission's appraisal of the services provided by Harlow Council (**Star**, December 10).

While every resident should be pleased with the Commission's assessment that the council is providing a good level of service to its residents, would they have reached the same conclusion if they had considered the following matters?

Tenants are now paying for sub-contractors to complete the Decent Homes project. Indeed, because Keir are understaffed, 35 per cent of all the work undertaken is sub-contracted out to private builders.

The Homefinder Booklet has been removed and now all those prospective tenants and those seeking a transfer will have to use the internet to access the latest properties available to let, with the misguided notion this would cut costs to the council's housing revenue account.

The reluctance of the current administration to use the subsidy offered by the Government to reduce the level of rent increases to tenants in this financial year was, in my view, a very poor call and the removal of the rent card without any form of consultation was ill-judged.

I sincerely hope that the Audit Commission has made a realistic appraisal of the level and standard of the services offered by the council, but I do have some very serious doubts.

Gary Roberts
Carters Mead, Harlow

MP's response was quite predictable

SIR, Quite predictably, Bill Rammell refutes anything Robert Halfon says. A recent spat relates to what is and what will or will not be available to the elderly (**Star**, December 3). It is a fact that once the age of 65 is passed, no-one is classed as disabled unless they have claimed for motability or disability allowance before they reach that age.

Attendance allowance replaces disability allowance but just try and get it! The rules are quite clear: you must be close to death or in a near persistent vegetative state to receive benefit. No matter that you have difficulty with breathing, no matter if walking is an agony, no matter if you can't do 101 things that contribute to the quality of life.

No, you have to have someone to tend to you day and night and if that is so you will receive the princely sum of £80 maximum to pay for that care.

Mr Rammell has a history of obfuscation and I for one remember with absolute clarity the indignant stance he took over the introduction of university fees. Perhaps he did not actually use the words "over my dead body" but the implication was clear that he was strongly

Using our resources at an unsustainable rate

SIR, I wonder what qualifications your correspondents D. Vigar and Mike Scott have for making such sweeping statements on global warming, dismissing the expertise and integrity of hundreds and thousands of top scientists in the relevant fields? (Letters, November 19 & December 10)

One irrefutable fact is that we live on a finite planet with finite resources and we are using up those resources at an unsustainable rate. I started to become aware of this fact as early as 1951 when I attended a weekend school at the then Shropshire Adult Education College.

Global warming had not yet come onto the agenda, the main focus then being food supplies for a growing world population, but other environmental concerns were raised including deforestation. Today, to argue that human activities do not affect the global environment just because there are still uncertainties in some respects dangerous nonsense. Ask the people of Bangladesh, for example, about that.

As for facts. The trend of average global temperature, on the basis of actual measurements, has been rising since 1850 according to Met Office figures released this week and the rate of increase is rising, making the current decade the warmest in recorded history. When taking into account as fully as possible all the huge numbers of factors affecting this, the best correlation is with the increase of CO₂ from man-made sources.

It is simply not true, as D Vigar claims, that the IPPC computer models ignore the effect of other factors such as sun, water vapour, volcanic eruptions etc. These cause variations from year to year

but cannot explain the general trend. Whenever a more powerful computer or more sophisticated program has been introduced, the predicted outcome has been worse.

The basic physics is simple and absolutely sound. The Earth is a thermodynamic system which receives and emits radiant energy. If the difference between input and output is positive, temperature rises until equilibrium is restored, and vice versa. The 'greenhouse effect' is, I am sure, well understood by anyone who has a greenhouse, a conservatory or a glazed porch. That atmospheric carbon dioxide and other gases act in exactly the same way as glass can easily be demonstrated experimentally.

D. Vigar also refers to the so-called medieval warming period which is alleged to prove that the current warming is not unique. In fact, there is no evidence that there was a global rise in average temperature over that period, as opposed to some local variations. And in this case what increases did take place can be explained by other factors such as the sun. The amount of money spent by the global warming industry, which D. Vigar makes so much of, is a fraction of that spent by the vested interests of the climate change deniers such as the fossil fuel producers. Even if there are still some doubts about the worst predicted scenarios, surely the precautionary principle applies. The prospect of a runaway increase in temperature due to feedback effects is so horrendous that a little economic hardship in the near future is a small price to pay.

Frank Jackson
Kingsmoor Road, Harlow

opposed.

I would not for one second expect him to feel any embarrassment for the tripe-filled letter that followed mine to him expressing my hope that he was going to stick to his principles when it came to the vote in Parliament. Of course he did not and he finally replied to my letter with three pages of rubbish telling me how Tony Blair gave him vital new information that convinced him to change his mind. Since then I view anything Mr Rammell says with suspicion.

Mr Halfon has yet to prove he operates on a similar wavelength to Mr Rammell. I hope, should he oust Mr Rammell, he never does.

Mike Audritt
Hobbs Cross Road, Harlow

So much for being a good neighbour

SIR, I recently returned home to find a letter from the council about the wheeie bins, informing me that a resident within the area had complained as I have six bins along the side of my property which are an eyesore and on council land.

The reason I have six bins is because two of my neighbours are elderly and I agreed that I would place their rubbish in the appropriate bins and place them on the boundary on the day of collection.

But no this is not good enough as I have to move them from the council land which is adjacent to my house and put them in front of my house.

I informed them I am not having six of these bins sitting along the front of my property. But there is no argument over the many cars and vans parked on this council land which have churned up all grass. I thought this would have been more of an eyesore for any neighbour.

So much for being a friendly neighbour and caring for the elderly.

Name and address supplied - Editor

Dignity in grief

SIR, Referring to your report about Bill

Rammell's appearance on *Question Time* (**Star**, December 17), I also saw the programme from Wootton Bassett and was most impressed with a member of the audience who sat holding a photo of her dead son on her lap, which was facing outwards to the panel. She addressed her question directly to Mr Rammell, who is Armed Forces Minister, and spoke with much dignity in calm tones with knowledge of the situation with the forces and the Army in Afghanistan.

I admired this lady for her enormous dignity, sadness and powerful manner in which she addressed our MP.

Joan Swanton
address supplied - Editor

Compostable liners

SIR, It seems the council has no idea what it is doing regarding compostable waste.

It says we can use special compostable bin liners in our food waste caddies and even tell us the shops that are stocking them. They are labelled as suitable for home and industrial composting.

However, in the next breath it says we shouldn't put them in with the the compostable waste.

It's completely bonkers. Why would it recommend we buy something we can't use?

Derek Hutchison
Westfield, Harlow

Thanks to PAH staff

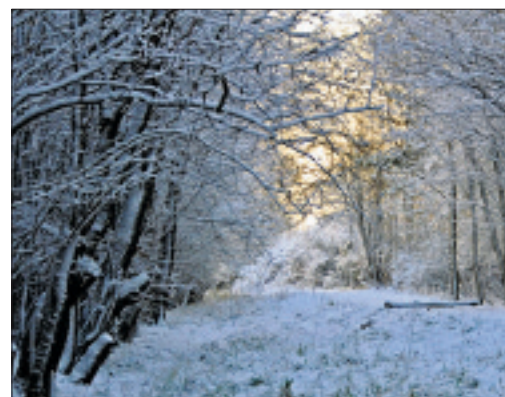
SIR, This is just a note to publicly thank the staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital for all the constant care I received while in the intensive care unit, and for the care and support they showed my family which was greatly appreciated by us all.

Everyone in the unit was absolutely amazing. They are a truly remarkable team and a true asset to the NHS.

May their expertise, knowledge, care, kindness, attention and support continue for future patients that find themselves in a similar situation to myself.

Kerry Palmer
address supplied - Editor

Drivers stuck as snowfall causes chaos on roads



HEAVY snowfall caused chaos for drivers and commuters in Harlow this week as traffic came to a virtual standstill and trains were delayed by up to 45 minutes.

Police urged motorists to take extra care following overnight snowstorms on Thursday and Monday, while rail commuters faced long waits to get into and out of London due to signalling problems on Friday.

Yet despite gridlocked roads and a few minor traffic collision, the town seemed to escape the worst of the snow.

Both Police and ambulance services reported relatively few weather-related incidents compared to other parts of Essex.

Most schools remained open on Friday, with only Mark Hall, Peterswood Infants' and St Luke's closing on what day would have been pupils' last day of term.

And for many of those safe at home throughout the treacherous weather, the snow proved to be a magical addition to the Christmas build-up, with fami-



WINTER WONDERLAND: These photographs of Lattin Woods were taken by **Star** reader Bill Lewis

lies and children building snowmen, sledging and enjoying snowball battles.

As the **Star** went to press it was unclear whether Harlow will experience a white Christmas this year, with forecasters predicting the snow will have given way to rain and rising temperatures by Friday morning.

Power cut leaves OAP without heat and light

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"I can't understand why it took more than 16 hours to fix the problem. It's really not good enough."

Energy supplier EDF said the majority of affected homes had power restored by 11pm on Thursday, but blamed the weather for preventing engineers from fixing the fault for the remaining 166 customers until the following afternoon.

But Lee Dangerfield, chairman of the Harlow Council's housing committee, criticised the energy giant for failing to alert the authority about the seriousness of the power failure until the following morning.

"As soon as the council was informed housing officers were

sent out to provide any support and assistance to householders at Stort Tower," he said. "We will be asking EDF to ensure that regular communication with residents takes place and that we are informed at an early stage of similar power cuts."

"We are disappointed that another massive power cut hit the town again last night [Thursday]. This has been quite frequent within Harlow over the past few months and Harlow residents deserve power and heating constantly."

An EDF spokeswoman told the **Star**: "We do appreciate how difficult it can be to lose power for such a long time, especially in cold weather, and apologise for the inconvenience caused."

RANGERS CLUB

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR RANGERS CLUB MEMBERS

Did you know? A few facts about Christmas

CHRISTMAS Day is nearly here so this week we thought we would take a look at some interesting facts that you may – or may not – know about Christmas.

● The carol *Silent Night* was written in 1818 by an Austrian priest called Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be prepared in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened to think of Christmas without music so he wrote a carol that could be sung by a choir to guitar music.

● Pope Julius I declared December 25 as the official Christmas day back in the fourth century

● December 26 was traditionally known as St Stephen's Day but is now more commonly known as Boxing Day. This expression came about because money was collected in boxes placed in churches during the festive season. This money was

then distributed during to the poor and needy after Christmas.

● The first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531.

● In 1843 the first Christmas card was printed in England for Sir Henry Cole, a busy man who wanted to save time writing Christmas letters. 1,000 copies of the card were sold at one shilling each but it was not until the 1860s that the production of cards took off with cheaper printing methods. Then, in 1870, the Post Office introduced a half penny stamp for sending cards.

● In 1937 the first postage stamp to commemorate Christmas was issued in Austria.

● Every year since 1947 the people of Oslo in Norway have given a Christmas tree to the city of Westminster in London. The gift is an expression of goodwill and gratitude for Britain's help to Norway during the Second World War.

● Back in 1834 Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, brought the first Christmas tree to Windsor Castle for the Royal family.

● The largest working Christmas cracker measured 45.72 metres long and 3.04 metres in diameter. It was made by Australian international rugby player Ray Price and was pulled in the car park of the Westfield Shopping Town in Chatswood, Sydney, on November 9, 1991.

● The names of Santa's reindeers are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

● If you received all of the gifts listed in the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* you would receive 364 presents.

● In 1647 the English parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal.



Happy Birthday

CHRISTMAS EVE
JACK (member 376), of Campbell Close, Harlow, is 9

CHRISTMAS DAY
ELISA (member 011), of Fennels, Harlow, and **TIA** (member 288), of Carters Mead, Harlow, are both 12 and retire from *Rangers*

BOXING DAY
YASMIN (member 805), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, and **CAMERON** (member 777), of Abbotsweld, Harlow, are both 10; **CAMERON** (member 364), of Risdens, Harlow, is 8

SUNDAY
ALEX (member 381), of Westbury Rise, Harlow, is 9; **JOSEPH** (member 536), of Rushes Mead, Harlow, is 10; **MORGAN** (member 666), of Holmes Meadow, Harlow, is 6

TUESDAY
JESSICA (member 136), of Moorfield, Harlow, is 12 and retires from *Rangers*. **LILY-ROSE** (member 507), of Purford Green, Harlow, is 7

WEDNESDAY
MIA (member 591), of Shawbridge, Harlow, is 8

THURSDAY
ELIZA (member 584), of Willow Place, Harlow, is 11

Rangers Recruits

The Chief Ranger extends a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined the club this week:

ALFIE (member 1051), of Chippingfield, Harlow, is 6 and enjoys football, cricket and playing with Lego.

BILLY (member 1052), of Barnmead, Harlow, is 8 and likes wrestling and watching *Spongebob Squarepants*.

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FACTFILE



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SCHOOL: High Wych Primary

HOBBIES: Dancing, quad-biking

DISLIKES: Tidying up

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate

LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Vegetables

FAVOURITE BOOK: *High School Musical*

FAVOURITE TV: *Hannah Montana*

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Miley Cyrus

FAMILY: Sister, Layla (2)

PETS: Two rabbits called Ron and Reg

WANTS TO BE: A hairdresser

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Tracking back to steam age

By DAN PHILLIPS
daniel.phillips@hertsessexnews.co.uk

IN the age of the Nintendo Wii, Playstation 3 and Xbox 360, young lads and lasses seem to have fallen out of love with trains and railways.

But this rather grainy postcard image dating back to 1958 recalls the days when steam-powered locomotives still carved their way across the great British countryside.

A message written on the back reads: "Dear Nannie, Auntie Vera and Uncle Harry, this is where I watch the trains while mummy is doing shopping. Love from Richard."

Interestingly, the image has appeared before in a newspaper column similar to Nostalgia. It was featured in the *Harlow Gazette's* Memory Corner as far back as 1976.

It was acquired by a Mr E. Ingham, then of Rivermill, Harlow, who recalled buying it at Riley's store in May 1958.

He told the newspaper he had spent



many happy hours with his son Richard on their train-spotting expedition to Burnt Mill rail station and making friends with signalman.

Times had changed between the time the photograph was taken and publication of the newspaper story. The railway station opened in the middle of the 19th century to serve the people of Burnt Mill village. But then, in 1960, the station was renamed Harlow Town and enlarged to serve the new town.

The *Gazette* reported that the scene depicted in the postcard had rapidly

disappeared with the development of industrial areas which grew around the station along the line towards Harlow Mill station.

Today's station building is now a Grade II listed structure.

The image and newspaper article were kindly provided by local historian Ron Bill from his own collection.

● Do you have any memories of Harlow's rail network? If so, email daniel.phillips@hertsessexnews.co.uk or write to Nostalgia, Harlow Star, 6 West Gate, Harlow CM20 1JW.

Late-night shopping back in 1958

IF the thought of wading through the crowds to do some last-minute Christmas shopping is giving you palpitations, take some comfort that Harlow residents have done much the same since the early days of the new town.

This picture taken in the winter darkness of 1958 shows Broad Walk, from the Market Square end, with hundreds of people milling around the shops during the festive period.

Note the Christmas lights adorning the pedestrianised area, which may not be as fancy as the flashing, multi-coloured, multi-faceted illumination you find nowadays but nonetheless have a certain charm.

"Another point of interest is the cars in the foreground," said The Museum of Harlow's local history officer David Devine. "This was taken when you could drive all the way up to West Gate."

The picture was kindly supplied by the museum.

If you have any pictures of Harlow during the festive season you would like to share with the *Star's* thousands of readers, send them to Nostalgia, 6 West Gate, Harlow, CM20 1JW.



From the pages of the *Star* 25 years ago

Christmas toy story

Traditional toys are making a comeback as children shun computers from their Christmas wish lists. Sales of computer games and peripherals are being overtaken by more traditional toys such as Scalextric, chemistry sets and toy merchandising for *Masters of the Universe* and the *A-Team*.

Shopkeeper attacked

Cries of help were ignored when a shopkeeper was attacked outside Harlow post office. The 25-year-old victim, who owns a shoe repair shop in the town centre, was set on by a man wielding a "sharp instrument" when he went

to post some letters after work.

Two killed in smash

A Christmas shopping trip turned to tragedy after a young mother and her uncle died in a car crash in Gilden Way. The woman's four-year-old daughter was critically injured in the collision with a van.

Town Hall repair bill

A shock £3.5m bill faces Harlow ratepayers for repairing structural difficulties in the town hall – and that is the cheapest option open to councillors. A council spokesman said: "It is questionable whether that sort of money should be spent on a 20-year-old building."

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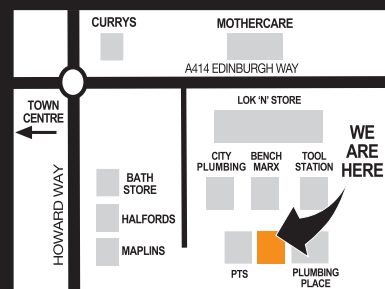


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Cash in on readers' money-saving ideas

IT may be an expensive time of year for many of us, but help is at hand if your bank balance is feeling the strain.

We asked our readers to send us their money-saving tips as part of our partnership with Barclays Money Skills, designed to help you make the most of your money.

From actions you can take



around the home, to useful websites, you suggested a range of clever ideas and we have published many of them here.

Thanks to all who took part.



25 tips to help save cash

1 Use websites such as find-dvd.co.uk, find-cd.co.uk and find-book.co.uk to track down the cheapest prices and myvouchercode.co.uk to obtain money-saving discount codes.

£watcher

2 There are some really good offers on loft insulation from B&Q, Homebase, Focus etc – take a look in your loft, if you have less than the 270mm of insulation they recommend these days, top it up

now at bargain prices. If you can't do it yourself there are companies who will quote for the work and advise you on Government grants available to you. Loft and wall insulation has one of the quickest payback periods around, typically less than two years; spend a little now to save a lot later. Utility bills will only go one way – up, up, up!

Andrew

3 I blog about recycling and saving money. I took my 2-

year-old to the Kettle's Yard gallery and to the Zoology Museum in Cambridge and she loved them both, especially the latter as there are skeletons of huge mammals. Then there is the children's area in the library, a brilliant space. My toddler loves playing there and using the crayons.

Simone Castello

4 If you join www.greasyalm.co.uk you can receive cash back through certain online purchases/offers.

All you have to do is log on to the site, search for the website you wish to make a purchase from (not everything is there) and make sure that you follow the links from Greasy Palm.

It's only a few per cent here and there and you can only withdraw when you reach £25 – but if you shop online a lot it could eventually be worth it. There are other cashback offers on the site so if you're looking for a new credit card etc check here first. I found out about this from www.moneysavingexpert.com – which also has plenty of money-saving tips.

Jen

5 If you have older double-glazed windows, before they started fitting trickle vents, most windows will lock in an open position by about half an inch (12mm) allowing some ventilation but maintaining security. I find that this gap is too big in cold winter months (wasting heating) so use 1in (25mm) thick Polystyrene insulation sheet cut into strips with a craft knife to block up most of

Straight to the point...

11 Ignore all the hype about 'must-have' goods and gadgets!

Chrissie

12 Stop buying rubbish you don't need!

Shaun

13 Sign up to moneysavingexpert's newsletter, which is sent via email.

John

14 Draw up a household budget – you can't save money unless you know how you're spending it.

Claire

15 Consider making some of your Christmas presents. If you have a skill, use it to create personal gifts.

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the gap, leaving just enough for background ventilation. The polystyrene will compress to give a good seal where you want it. You avoid condensation, save on heating and maintain security. On some windows you can retrofit trickle vents but this is beyond most DIYers.

Andrew

6 Use a 'hay-box' (thick insulation, such as old towels) to cook stews and curries once they have started to cook on the hob – it works for rice, too. Once pasta has come to a rolling boil, turn off the heat and let it cook in its own heat, with a towel over the lid. If you're using the oven, fill it up with things. Keep your heating down and wear jumpers, or a blanket over you if sedentary.

Chrissie

7 www.uShare.co.uk is all about saving money. It lets you borrow and lend everyday items with people who live or work in your local community.

You don't have to pay for each

item you borrow as it works on a points system, meaning you could save lots of money by removing the need to buy something you may only use once! Have a look at www.uShare.co.uk.

John Wardle

8 Use www.eastcoast.co.uk to find cheap fares. Splitting tickets, buying advance fares, and buying online can all save you lots on the walk-up fares. Travel to Manchester from Cambridge for £10 instead of £85.50. And watch out for special offers, like MobiTix £1 tickets from London Euston.

Nico

9 Don't use a credit card (rather than your debit card) in a cash dispenser by mistake. Ouch, that hurt!

Dick

10 Don't just allow your home and car insurance to renew themselves – check every year to see that you're getting the best deal in terms of price and cover.

Paul

16 When doing a weekly shop, consider your chosen supermarket's 'economy range' as often the products are very similar, just in different packaging and can be much cheaper.

17 Before you go shopping, make a list of what you need and then stick to it. Don't shop if you're hungry or you'll be tempted to buy lots of things you don't need.

18 Plan and shop to make your own packed lunches for work.

10 tips from Barclays

You'll be amazed at how much you can save

19 At the end of the day, put all your loose change in jar, it soon adds up.

20 Plan and book your travel in advance to get the cheapest deals on rail tickets.

21 Eating out can be expensive, but you could potentially halve your bill by using a voucher or knowing the

latest deal. Restaurants often run 2 for 1 deals – look out for these in the **Star** or online.

22 Switch off all your appliances at the wall before going to bed at night. Many electrical items continue to use electricity even while off if connected to an outlet. Do you really need to use the oven or microwave as a clock? A battery-powered wall clock uses much less power

23 Before buying new clothes you think you need, go through your wardrobe thoroughly. You will probably find things you had forgotten about.

24 Before buying anything, ask yourself, 'do I need this or do I just want it?' Only buy it if you need it.

25 Take advantages of sales throughout the year to look for gifts for family and friends. This will help to spread the cost of Christmas.

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Deaths

JOE (PETER) BARRETT

The Barrett family are sad to announce the death of Joe (Peter) Barrett on December 17, 2009, at the age of 80. He was a dearly-loved and loving husband and father who will be greatly missed by Mag, William, Michael, Christopher and Alexander, and by his eight wonderful grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be confirmed as soon as possible.

The family thanks former colleagues at Harlow College, Harlow Citizen and Harlow Gazette, Essex Youth Service, and many friends and neighbours for their kind messages of condolence.

Tom Parsons

(Grandad) To a special Grandad We miss you so much. You will always be in our hearts love you Daniel, Samantha, Toni & Luke

Family Notices
deadline
Tuesday 4pm

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**24TH DECEMBER -
MONDAY 21ST
DECEMBER @ 4PM**
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DECEMBER @ 4PM**

JAMIE BLAKE

You made me the happiest woman and I am so privileged to have met my Soul Mate.

Wait for me at the gates to heaven babe, I love you and miss you so very much.

Good night my big rug. Love Kim. xxx

JAMIE BLAKE

You're the happiest person we have ever met.

We miss you petal.
Love
Tom & Fran
xxx

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THOMAS HENRY PARSONS

Sadly passed away peacefully at home on 14th December 2009, aged 85.

Beloved husband of Lily and father to Reg, Sandra, Danny and David. He will be sadly missed by his many grandchildren and friends.

Funeral service at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Monday 4th January 2010 at 12.30. All welcome.

Donations to Alzheimers Society, Harlow via Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm.

BERNARD PHIPPIN

11.07.1938 - 16.12.2009

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For all funeral details please contact Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. CM20 1QP
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NORMA JEAN POLLARD

Passed away peacefully, on 14th December 2009, at St Margarets

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Love Margaret, Gerald and family.

CHARLES SMYTH

28-12-1920
28-12-2007
Wonderful Husband 2 years have passed. I miss and love you so much. My world fell apart when you passed away.
Your everloving Doll (Your Mrs Smith) xxxxx

SMYTH. Charles. Our Dad "Our Hero". So greatly missed. The wonderful memories of you. We loved you so much Dad. God Bless. Your everloving children Jacqueline, Carol, John, Lyn, son-in-law Mick. xxxxx

SMYTH. Charles. "Grandad" You're sadly missed since you went away and left us. Your memories still in my heart every day, especially this time of year. Love you always. Your loving grandniece Tracy, Nicky. Nite Nite. xx

SMYTH. Charles. "Wonderful Grandad". So sadly missed. The love, laughter, that smile. You will never be forgotten. Everloving grandson Jason. x

SMYTH. Charlie. 28-12-2007. Birthday Wishes, Christmas Greetings. Still hard to believe you're not with us anymore. Miss you loads Grandad. Love Donna, Chris, Scott, Brooke & Beau. xxx



John Stevens

We had such wonderful times at Christmas Christmas a very sad time, without you now. I love and miss you so much. Lots of love Chris xxx

BILL STOCK

11 years have gone since you said goodbye. Forever in our hearts. God Bless. Love Maureen & family x

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I miss you my darling.
All my love
Always
John
xxx

HODGSON. Brian. 25-12-05 Time passes, memories stay. Loved and remembered everyday. God Bless. Beryl xx

BROWN

In memory of my late wife Bev. Christmas 2009. Always thinking of you
All my love,
Alan
xxxx

DOWNES. John. Dearest Dad. Our thoughts and love are with you today and everyday. Love always, Tracy, Tina, Jan, John & grandchildren.

DOWNES. John. A lonely year. Treasured memories, silent tears. Love you forever, Wife Sally. xx

BUSTER HOWELL and BILL STOCK
Christmas time is here once again, so we raise our glasses to you both, thinking of all the happy times we shared.
Love Lynn, Maureen & family

KIM ELIZABETH SMITH

Christmas once again, without you we still remember Christmas's past, always will.
Love you eternally. Dad, Linda, Graham, Lisa, Sonia, Nikki, Tina, John, David, Daniel, Victoria
xxxx

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EVA & TOM DREW

2009 2007
aged 78 aged 80
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JANE NORRIS
2003 aged 38
I can still hear your raucous laugh Jane!
ANDY DELLER
1996 aged 34
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Love Diane x

ALFRED GEORGE BAKER

Fred's sons and step-sons and their families would like to thank everyone who attended Fred's funeral and made donations to RNA Harlow and NVA Harlow via Co-operative Funeralcare, and for all the kind messages of condolence.

A special thankyou to all the staff on Lister Ward, PAH, involved in Fred's care. You were wonderful.

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Happy 21st Birthday

All our love Mum and Dad

HAYLEY GALLAGHER

Happy Birthday to our beautiful daughter Hayley who is 21 on 30th December.

Love you lots, Mum & Craig xx

RON NOEL CRIPPS (Kipper)

Wishing you a Happy 80th Birthday Dad, Grandad, Great-Grandad 24 December 2009

All our love Mal, Michelle, Lauren, Bobby and Oscar. xxx

NICK DAVIES
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27th December Enjoy your day, Love you loads, Mum, Dad & Jack. xx

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DEREK FOREMAN and MARGARET PITT

Would like to announce their marriage that took place on the 10th October at The Rhodes Art Complex, Bishop's Stortford.

They would like to thank family and friends for making it a memorable occasion. Also special thanks to Paula, Sarah, Esther, Elizabeth and everyone at Rhodes for all their help and support before and on their special day.

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the guide

Super Cinderella is just pantastic!



PANTO PERFORMERS: Left, leading members of the cast and, above, Rob McVeigh as Prince Charming and Danielle Black as Cinderella (photo: HAR0616867)

WITH a star-studded cast and some of the finest local talent, this production of perhaps the world's most loved pantomime promised to be a ball.

And it certainly turned out to be just that. The Playhouse was transformed into a riot of colour, laughter and a sea of flashing wands and glow sticks as children fell under the spell of the dance and music.

Sandra Dickinson, a haze of glitter and feathers, set the story in motion as the enchanting Fairy Godmother whom the audience warmed to instantly.

REVIEW Cinderella Harlow Playhouse

The plot of *Cinderella* is one undoubtedly familiar to everyone, but was given a comic twist by references to Harlow. An entranced Buttons fetches lizards for the Fairy Godmother from Pets Corner, while the Ugly Sisters, after failing to pull at the ball, ditch the palace for a night at Liquid.

Impressive dance routines blended a host of styles and were executed

impressively by a cast ranging from young children to teenagers. Their infectious enthusiasm maintained the lively atmosphere and kept everyone fixated throughout the fairly long running-time.

Local girl Danielle Black (17) who played Cinderella was certainly the belle of the ball, and Rob McVeigh (*Any Dream Will Do*) was a faultless Prince Charming with excellent vocal performances.

Buttons (Ben Hanson from *The Story of Tracy Beaker*) was adored by the kids, who never failed to chime "Hi Buttons!" on cue each time he

stepped on to the stage.

Ugly Sisters Whitney and Britney (Paul Leno and Kyle Craggs) were in spectacular form and their costumes didn't fail to disappoint. The audience was in raptures over the increasingly garish outfits featuring neon wigs, thigh-flashing dresses laced with carrots and melons, lurid socks, and towering heels of course.

Their frequent cries of "Aren't we gorgeous?" were always met with an ecstatic "No!" and some of the best moments were in the unscripted banter between the duo as wigs were accidentally sent flying.

The climactic scene at the end of the first half drew gasps from the audience as ballet dancers parted to reveal a carriage drawn by real Shetland ponies.

Cinderella featured all the elements that panto audiences have come to expect – lavish costumes, big song and dance numbers, audience participation and gags for all ages. But what made this performance so spellbinding was the evident enjoyment of the performers, which never failed to inspire the audience with a little festive magic.

Sarah Hunt

Dancers perform on TV talk show

TALENTED young dancers from Harlow's performing arts schools lit up the airwaves when they performed a live routine on Alan Titchmarsh's television chat show.

Makin' Steps protégés Sophie Green (20), Nicola Swift (20), Katie Phillips (18) and Charlie Hewitt (16), who also attends the Kevin Adams Performing Arts Academy, appeared on the celebrity gardener's primetime ITV1 talk show last week.

In a performance choreographed by Kevin Adams, the youngsters showed viewers and guests how to devise their own Christmas routine to wow colleagues at the office party.

The talented quartet also got the chance to rub shoulders with Pixie Lott, JLS and Will Young while filming for the show, which aired last Friday.



Makin' Steps dance tutor Scott Simpson told the **Star**: "We are really pleased our pupils were chosen to take part in this TV show.

"It shows that the hard work



SHOWTIME: Left, Sophie, Nicola and Katie. Above, Charlie with Kevin Adams and Alan Titchmarsh (s)

and training they receive will give them every opportunity to fulfill their dreams of becoming professional dancers."

Kevin added: "It was great to

see one of our students get the chance to perform on TV. Charlie is very talented and hopefully the first of many academy students to get that opportunity."

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Ritchie's holiday Holmes a case of style over substance



ELEMENTARY: Robert Downey Jr as Sherlock Holmes and Jude Law as Dr John Watson in *SHERLOCK HOLMES*

SHERLOCK HOLMES certificate 12A 2h8m

GUY Ritchie's reinvention of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary sleuth should have been a dream new beginning for the director. Starting his career in 1998 with the almighty bang of *Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels*, Ritchie has spent most of the past decade in the shadow of then-wife Madonna, a period that coincided with a steady decline in fortunes behind the camera.

Sherlock Holmes is the first project since his high-profile divorce and also his most expensive picture to

date. Nothing warms the cockles of the heart like a comeback and there would be a wonderful sense of validation if Ritchie could return to glorious form at the very moment the knives are out for him.

Sadly, our cockles will only be lukewarm by the end of this big-budget caper rooted in late 19th-century London.

The film has style in abundance and action set-pieces are well choreographed, including a protracted fight in a shipyard. Yet for all the attention to detail, this incarnation of Sherlock Holmes isn't fully formed, with undernourished female characters and a faux supernatural plot that could easily be

trimmed by half an hour.

Holmes (Robert Downey Jr) and his trusty sidekick John Watson (Jude Law) race to the scene of a ritualistic killing, just in time to stop Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong) sacrificing his latest victim.

Incarcerated in a police cell before his execution, Blackwood torments Scotland Yard Inspector Lestrade (Eddie Marsan) and his men, spreading fear among the ranks. And when he finally reaches the gallows he is unrepentant, vowing that "death is only the beginning" before he falls to his doom, the noose tight around his neck.

Soon after, news reaches Holmes that the deceased has apparently

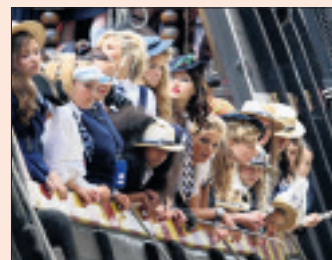
risen from the grave to continue his reign of terror.

Meanwhile, Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams), the only woman ever to outsmart Sherlock, continues to vex him, while Watson prepares to move out of 221B Baker Street with sweetheart Mary (Kelly Reilly).

Sherlock Holmes is an entertaining romp, enlivened by banter between a suitably quixotic Downey Jr and strait-laced Law. McAdams has nothing to do apart from find herself in peril, while Strong bristles with diabolical intent.

The script introduces the shadowy figure of Moriarty late into proceedings to sow the seeds for a sequel.

still showing



ST TRINIAN'S 2: THE LEGEND OF FRITTON'S GOLD The naughty minxes from St Trinian's are back to their old tricks in a lacklustre sequel to the rambunctious 2007 comedy, involving a preposterous treasure hunt around London in search of stolen 16th-century booty. Rupert Everett is still a hoot as the toothy headmistress alongside old flame Colin Firth, while *Doctor Who* star David Tennant is the chauvinistic villain. Also stars Sarah Harding of Girls Aloud



ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL The diminutive trio meet their match in three feisty females who trill with attitude through Beyonce's *Single Ladies* (*Put A Ring On It*), *Hot N Cold* by Katy Perry, *So What* by Pink and Corinne Bailey Rae's *Put Your Records On*. The simplistic, linear plot holds no surprises, incorporating a boohiss, high-school jock villain, wholesome lessons about friendship and self-sacrifice and chaste romance that nervously approaches the kissing stage.



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE Spike Jonze's heartbreaking, visually-stunning adaptation of Maurice Sendak's beloved children's story is not a sentimental coming-of-age story viewed through rose-tinted spectacles. Max Records stars as the boy who feels his single mother and sister don't appreciate him and so he escapes into a fantasy world where he is accepted by a race of huge furry creatures called the Wild Things.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (3D) Robert Zemeckis's technologically groundbreaking adaptation of Charles Dickens's festive novella is a delightful early Christmas present. His team drag the timeless fable kicking and screaming into the 21st century using state-of-the-art motion capture technology. Jim Carrey leads an all-star cast playing not only curmudgeonly Ebenezer but also bringing to life the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Christmas Yet To Come. But the technology never obscures the heartfelt emotion of the novella, including some heartbreaking scenes.

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SANTA CLAUSE 3, THE ESCAPE CLAUSE Santa is faced with double duty: how to keep his new family happy and how to stop Jack Frost from taking over Christmas.

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Sci-fi epic is out of this world

AVATAR (3D & 2D) certificate 12A 2h41m

PARAPLEGIC war veteran Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) signs up for a tour of duty on the planet of Pandora, which is home to the peace-loving Na'vi.

This magical world, which cannot support human life, conceals vast deposits of an ore which sells for 20 million dollars per kilo, and Parker Selfridge (Giovanni Ribisi) intends to mine the grey rock for vast profit.

Unfortunately, the richest seam lies directly beneath a gargantuan tree, which is home to the Omatiyaya



tribe led by Eytukan (Wes Studi) and his wife Mo'at (CCH Pounder).

Selfridge intends to send in bulldozers in three months time, using warmonger Quaritch (Stephen Lang) and his troops to clear the area. So Jake agrees to work alongside pioneering scientist Grace Augustine

(Sigourney Weaver), who has developed a method of fusing the minds of human 'drivers' with Na'vi avatars, which can move through the forest and gain the trust of the indigenous people. As his Na'vi alter-ego, Jake falls in love with Eytukan and Mo'at's daughter Neytiri (Zoe

Saldana), who has been promised to warrior Tsu'tey (Laz Alonso). Together they must somehow defeat Quaritch and his heavily armed gunships.

Avatar is a dazzling spectacle that creates a fantastical kingdom where the Na'vi and Mother Nature live in harmony.

Underlying messages about the relentless pillaging of Earth's natural resources are hammered home with director James Cameron's typical bluntness, and there are chilling echoes of September 11 in a centrepiece sequence that ends with clouds of white ash falling from the sky.

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Your stars with
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Aries Mar 21-Apr 20
As you finalise your 2010 resolutions, world domination can be very much on your mind. But seriously, you will be determined that people take you a lot more seriously this week and whether it's the kids, people close by or your colleagues. The stars are also priming your ambitions, but take the view that your hopes need to go one step at a time. Call me now for your in-depth forecast...

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23
If you're fortunate enough to have a complete break between now and early next year, despite the obvious attractions of partying and family time, some deeper strands are being stirred which may see you quite happily spending time quietly reading, watching TV or ruminating on what has gone on in the last year. Use this to rest and recuperate Libra. Call your special prediction line for more news...

Taurus Apr 21-May 21
To surf celestial influences to their full potential, you will find you can also find yourself away from the normal environs of your own surroundings, try to have a bit of a shake up. Being more active may also help. Someone you like may live far away or be a co-worker. Call me for your love scope...

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22
There can be some lively debates, and you can also find yourself wanting to take on the opposition when it comes week. But that isn't to any challenge which necessarily possible for every Bull, and if you find it. But there is also the yourself ensconced in risk that you can find your normal surround-ings, try to have a bit of a shake up. Being more active may also help. Someone you like may live far away or be a co-worker. Call me for your love scope...

Gemini May 22-Jun 21
Most of us resolve to change some part of our lives at this time of year and as you ponder and speculate, you can be especially attuned to the things which you share closely with others. Achieving a proper balance will always be important for a Gemini, and where this is lacking, changes beckon. Single? Things can seriously hot up. Call for your love scope in full...

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21
Mars can see you in a rebellious space Archer, and with a cluster of energy emphasising money and possessions, one area that you won't take kindly to being told what to do is around money. Whilst you may decide to hit the winter sales and spend gifted cash on massively reduced in price merchandise, be sure you're not tempted to splash on trash. Call me for your financial forecast...

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23
Chatterbox Mercury reverses on Boxing Day and words and attitudes need to be picked with great care - especially when it comes to those closest to you. Even someone as wise as you - when it comes to familial politics, can be misunderstood or misquoted. Then again, you could be a model of diplomacy Cancer and someone could still take umbrage. Call for more news and astral advice...

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20
There is nothing like having choices, after all this can be more empowering than not, but rather like buying a hot dog in New York and deciding on what sauces you are going to have, there can sometimes be a sense of choice overload. The same can be true of a big decision that you are set to grapple with this week. Where possible try to simplify things. Call me for your in-depth forecast...

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23
If you are someone that likes arrangements to be adhered to and especially if you are the one who has made them in the first place, your pride could take a tumble in this last week of 2009. Other people have been keen to move your love other agendas, so try to be sanguine if your level, this can be very hospitality or plans are frustrated. Then again, rejected in order that you may be thinking of someone else's gains the ascendancy. Try to be philosophical. Call for more news and advice...

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23
Old wounds can get baked up on the back of both Mars and Mercury's situation linked to your reversed motion. All sorts of plans can be affected by this, perhaps because you realise that someone is actually yourself changing your mind worthy of your attentions - about a long held aspiration, even if there has been a separation. Equally if there could get a lot of conflicting are any outstanding issues advice, and this could leave that remain unresolved, there you feeling more, not less can be rumblings of confused. Socially plans can be discontent. Call me for your also be altered. Call now for love scope in full...

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20
As Mercury rewinds the situation linked to your future plans, but angling to your own sign, you may find that someone is actually yourself changing your mind about a long held aspiration, even if there has been a separation. Equally if there could get a lot of conflicting are any outstanding issues advice, and this could leave that remain unresolved, there you feeling more, not less can be rumblings of confused. Socially plans can be discontent. Call me for your also be altered. Call now for love scope in full...

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TRANSMISSION 5-speed manual transmission driving front wheels.
CO₂ EMISSIONS 185g/km
PERFORMANCE 0-60mph 9s(est)/top speed 125mph
ECONOMY 35.8mpg (combined)



The 1.8-litre engine was always one of the TF's best bits, but Nanjing have made a number of worthwhile modifications to the K Series unit to bring it well and truly up to date. It's now known as N series and vastly different.

The previous K Series powerplant found its way into some diverse cars down the years, from Rover saloons to trackday specials from Lotus and Caterham.

There's still something to be said for it when mid-mounted in the TF and producing its 134bhp. It's certainly a charismatic engine that revs highly and sounds pleasant in the TF with the hood down on a summer day.

The TF has always had a relatively high seating

position for a compact roadster and that's carried over into the latest version, making entries and exits easier.

Elsewhere, the weighty steering and gear change give the car a certain old-school charm. The handling of the TF has always been enjoyable and little is likely to have changed over time. The car rides quite firmly, but feels nimble in its preferred habitat of twisting B-roads.

The changes made to the TF LE500 aren't that easy to spot. The car's classic roadster proportions and clean lines are still pleasing to the eye.

If you actually want to remove the TF's manually-operated hood, there's a simple series of steps to go through

and it's all quite straightforward.

You can have a choice of hard or soft top for all-year-round driving.

The interior of the TF LE500 features more modern trim materials than those found in the old model.

Some of the switchgear has been updated and the car's build quality is pretty good.

The MG TF LE500 is distinguishable from the old TF by its revised headlamps, honeycomb mesh grille and LE500 badges. There's more of the LE500 motif inside the cabin, where piano black trim graces the centre console and door trim.

Leather seats are standard on

the car too as are some natty chrome kick plates, alloy wheels, electric windows, a stereo radio/CD player with i-pod connection, air conditioning, a body-coloured hardtop, anti-lock brakes with EBD, rear parking sensors, a windstop and a glass rear windscreen. Each car has its own individual plaque with its own number – all that for a little more than £16,000 on the road!

The rebirth of the MG TF in LE500 form is the first move to re-establish the MG marque. SAIC's plan is to introduce the MG name back onto the market with this model before pushing ahead with an all-new model range.

The new manufacturer, MG Motor UK, will only be producing 500 LE500 models and there's every chance that enough buyers with a soft spot for the MG brand will be forthcoming.

Emissions and fuel economy weren't the major issues they are today back when the MG TF was in its pomp, but it performs well with its 35.8mpg economy and 185g/km CO₂ emissions.

The MG TF definitely still has a great deal to offer the enthusiastic driver.

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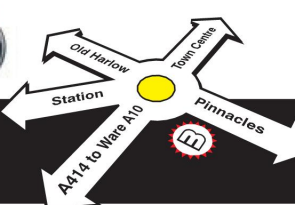
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08/57	Mondeo 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Titanium 140 PS Grey 40,332 miles	£12,989	£12,489
07/07	Mondeo 5Dr Hatch 2.5i Titanium X 220 PS Blue 9,144 miles	£12,789	£12,489
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08/08	Mondeo 5Dr Hatch 2.5i Titanium X 220 PS Red 22,514 miles	£13,489	£12,989
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09/09	Mondeo 4Dr Saloon 2.0i Tonic Titanium 140 PS Grey 6,639 miles	£15,489	£14,989
08/58	Mondeo 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Titanium X 125 PS Silver 2,465 miles	£15,989	£15,489
09/09	Mondeo 5Dr Hatch 2.2 Tonic Titanium X 175 PS Silver 14,038 miles	£16,989	£16,489
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09/09	Kuga 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Zetec Moondust Silver 7,500 miles	£17,489	£17,189
09/58	Kuga 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Titanium 2WD Vision 1,640 miles	£18,989	£18,689

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08/08	S-Max 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Zetec 140 PS White Grape 12,407 miles	£15,989	£15,489
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08/58	S-Max 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Titanium 140 PS Silver 7,175 miles	£18,489	£17,989
08/58	S-Max 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Titanium 140 PS Black 12,674 miles	£18,489	£17,989
09/09	S-Max 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Zetec 140 PS Silver 8,250 miles	£18,489	£17,989

	WAS	NOW	SAVE
07/57	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£13,989	£13,789
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08/58	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£17,989	£17,789
09/09	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£17,989	£17,689
09/09	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£17,989	£17,689
09/58	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£18,489	£17,989
09/09	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 2.0i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£18,489	£17,989
08/58	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£18,489	£18,189
09/09	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£18,489	£18,189
09/09	Galaxy 5Dr Hatch 1.8i Tonic Zetec 125 PS Blue Ambition 23,260 miles	£19,289	£18,989
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06/56	Mazda3 5Dr Hatch 1.8i TS Red 19,914 miles	£8,989	£8,689
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09/09	Mazda3 5Dr Hatch 2.0i TS2 Copper Red 10,056 miles	£8,989	£8,689
09/09	Mazda3 5Dr Hatch 2.0i TS2 Silver 4,965 miles	£9,489	£9,189
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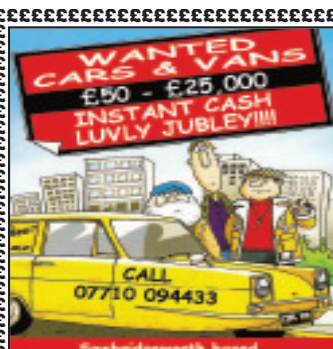


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The restriction is scheduled to commence on 4 January 2010 for 11 months, weather permitting, or where appropriate signs are showing, and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Theydon Bois Viaduct is refurbished.

The Order will come into effect on 4 January 2010 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Dated: 24 December 2009.

Yim Kong, Assistant Director for Highways,
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Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

- Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.
- Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.
- Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.
- Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.
- Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.



Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

- Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.
- Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.
- Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.
- Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

A covering letter can be just as important as a CV in getting you an interview. It's your first point of contact with your potential employer - so make it count.

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Judo club's GB success



SUCCESS: The triumphant Harlow Judo Club team (s)

A SUCCESSFUL year for Harlow Judo Club was rounded off when all 14 of its players earned medals at the Tunbridge Wells Junior Championships.

Joe Arnold, Adam Bell, Kieran Grey, Chloe Nunn and Freddy White took pride of place as they gained gold medals.

Thomas Rees earned a silver medal, while bronzes were earned by Sophie Bell, Brooke Cranham, Chloe Freeman, Rebecca Howlett, Theo Michael, Adam Pope, Josh Preater and Louis Preater.

The year saw a gold and bronze respectively for Nicole Nunn and Joe Nunn at the British Masters Championships. The pair are new additions to the club's coaching team.

It also saw Harry Forbes and Chloe Nunn respectively achieve a silver and a 5th place at the U-12 years British Championships.

Emma Murphy gained a bronze at the Special Needs British Championships and Lewis Pucill gained a silver at the British Schools Championships.

Hawks secretary's help for England hopeful

IF Gavin Brooke does break into an England disability team, he can thank Harlow Town FC secretary Nathan Kitteridge for his role in the promotion.

Harlow-based striker Gavin (19) – who has recovered from two brain tumour operations – will play in a second trial for England selection for the cerebral palsy and brain trauma (CP1) team on January 18.

The side is preparing for the European Championships in Scotland next summer.

Prior to that there is the GB Paralympic Cup.

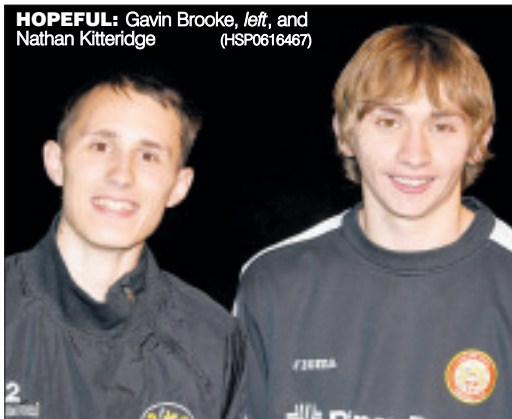
This will take place in May but the squad will be selected in February.

The FA approached Harlow Town FC to request names for future squads.

Nathan (18) recommended Gavin, of Holy Field, and the England team head coach – former Bishop's Stortford FC legend Lyndon Lynch – ran the rule over Gavin in December and invited him to a trial at Lilleshall in Bucks.

Lynch watched Gavin score

HOPEFUL: Gavin Brooke, left, and Nathan Kitteridge (HSP0616467)



two goals against Potter Street for his team, Frontiers, in the Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League. Lynch was impressed with Gavin.

He told the Star: "I want the squad to be a strong as possible so we can win the two tournaments. Gavin has got a chance. He did really well the first time."

The GB Paralympic Cup will take place in Telford in May.

Lynch previously managed the England Learning Difficulties team to success.

He is targeting the gold medal at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, when he will be head coach of the Great Britain team.

But first there will be the

Euro Champs when England must overcome the threat of Russia and the Ukraine, who both have excellent CP1 teams.

Gavin made headlines around the world when he had his second brain tumour op – and kept his iPod on all the time as he had to stay awake throughout the dangerous surgery at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in October 2008.

"I'd like to thank the support of my girlfriend and my family who have helped me through this," said Gavin, who only started playing football again last summer.

His pal Nathan took over as club secretary at Barrows Farm in the summer. He is believed to be the youngest club secretary in the Ryman League.

●Gavin is currently seeking sponsorship to meet his training costs. Anyone who would like to help should contact him on 07985 388828.

Harlow beaten by Mercs

Harlow Hawks 69
Enfield Mercs 73
Herts County League div one

A POOR first quarter for Harlow Hawks was crucial as they slipped to a narrow home defeat at the hands of Enfield Mercs.

The hosts started well in Friday's game with scores from Russ Allan and Nick Moss, but that was as good as it got for Hawks who were then outscored 18-4 during the rest of the quarter.

Hawks trailed 21-10 going into the second quarter, which started with a good 10-2 run for the Hawks as they cut the visitors' lead to three points.

But then Enfield exploited some poor Hawks defending as they went on a 11-0 run, leaving Hawks trailing 38-28 at the

halfway stage.

The third quarter saw Hawks waste opportunities while Enfield made use of their big man with a lot of strong moves to the basket for inside scores and the visitors led 56-40 at the end of the quarter.

Hawks got off to flying start in the final quarter, going on a 16-5 run but some turnovers allowed Enfield to extend the lead again and Hawks found themselves nine points down with 50 seconds left.

The hosts rallied again but by then the Mercs had done enough to claim the spoils.

HARLOW HAWKS: Haddow (15 pts), Freeman (13), Moss (11), Shab Niaz (9), Allan (8), Norkeliunas (5), Spashett (4), Hinds (4).

Mark Hall's superb 2009



SILVERWARE: The Mark Hall FC U-12s team (s)

MARK Hall FC's U-12 team is riding high since switching leagues.

The Harlow-based team moved to the Cheshunt Youth League in the summer and are doing well in the premier division.

Last season saw the team win their West Essex & East Herts Youth League, the Secretaries Cup, the Charity Shield and the Colchester Cup.

They then went on to win five summer tournaments.

A Mark Hall spokesman said the club is looking for a new sponsor. "Our current sponsor has been unable to stay with us, so we are looking for a local company who would like to sponsor our talented players."

Contact Mark Hall club secretary Lino Bucciarelli at e.bucciarelli@sky.com

When Lineker came to town

IN an interview published on the Daily Mail's website, former England striker and now Match of the Day presenter Gary Lineker recalled the time he played for Leicester City in their FA Cup defeat to Harlow Town. The then young striker played at the Harlow club's old Sportcentre ground. Town won the match, producing their greatest FA Cup moment. The side eventually went out, losing 4-3 to Watford in a thrilling fourth round tie at Vicarage Road.



PLAYING DAYS: Gary Lineker in action for Leicester City in the early 1980s (s)

MY first manager at Leicester City, Jock Wallace, was old school.

At half-time on my reserve team debut, he picked me up by the scruff of the neck and threw me against the dressing-room wall.

For a dreadful moment, I thought he was going to try to hang me on one of the pegs, even though I'd scored a couple of goals.

I ended up having a good relationship with Jock, who tried to explain to me his methods were a safeguard against success going to my head.

But I was also intimidated by

him. On one occasion, he picked me for an FA Cup tie against non-League Harlow. I was ill but didn't have the nerve to tell him. So I went out there, played hopelessly, we were beaten 1-0 and I ended up being diagnosed with acute tonsillitis.

Managers in those days were imposing figures. They relied on a mixture of fear and

respect, with fear making up a big proportion.

It meant a lot of swearing, ranting and raving and the odd cup of tea hurled against the wall.

Of course, the behaviour of managers has come into the spotlight with alleged bust-ups at Stoke City and QPR.

I don't think that management style works today, not just in

football but in most industries. Times and attitudes have changed.

I've even noticed how television studios have become calmer places in the last 10 years.

Old-timers tell me it wasn't uncommon for producers and presenters to have huge slanging matches at one time. It's the same in football.

It's why the clever managers, the successful managers, don't rant and rave as much as they used to.

Sir Alex Ferguson was famous at one time for his 'hairdryer' at Manchester United, but even he has adapted.

He wouldn't be as fearsome today with some of the well-paid overseas signings as he was when he arrived at Old Trafford consumed by trying to 'knock Liverpool off their perch'.

Modern management is about getting the best out of people. Some players will need the occasional ticking off and passions can run high immediately after games, but the vast majority will respond best to encouragement and a proper explanation of where they might need to improve.

No player goes on to the pitch not wanting to do well. Some might play badly but they will all care.

If a manager screams at a player, there is a risk the player will think he is hard done by.

In fact, people might be surprised to learn it was more likely for me to have a go at a manager than the other way round."



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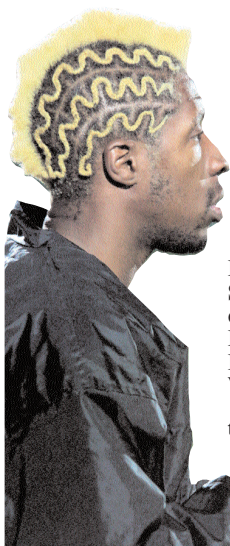
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PARAFFIN NO HARLOW EPPING



Samuel's Street sign

Hawks' boss adds to defensive options ahead of crucial Christmas games

HARLOW Town manager Marvin Samuel has added to his defensive options by signing left back Keiron Street from fellow Ryman League division one north club Wingate and Finchley.

The Hawks boss, pictured left, made the new signing as he seeks to keep up competition for places before the Christmas period.

"Keiron will give us strength and speed plus enthu-

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siasm," said Samuels. "He will also give competition for Gbenga Adegbite.

"I want consistency and if we get it there will be no problem. I also want people in the reserves who can come in the first team if somebody is not consistent. The reserve team is not there just for the sake of it."

Harlow's scheduled game against Great Wakering Rovers four days ago was a casualty of the snow.

If the weather relents, the Hawks' next

game is against Ware at home on Boxing Day. Midfielder Jordan Lambert and right winger Tash Hassan are unavailable due to family commitments for the match, as well as for the away game at Enfield Town three days later (Tuesday).

Forward Mervin Abraham is likely to be ruled out with a calf injury.

Although the Hawks beat Ware 2-1 in September, Harlow are still marooned at the bottom of the league on four points, 14 points behind Ware who currently lie fourth from bottom.

A win for Samuel's men is essential if

they are to make any ground on the teams above them.

"This is a six-pointer and it is a massive game, said Samuel. "We beat Romford who are above Ware and we should be able to beat Ware."

Looking ahead to the Enfield game, Samuel said: "I am confident we will get three points on Saturday and go into the game at Enfield with confidence.

"I expect them to be aggressive and in our faces and they will not get the ball down much. Any side can beat any other in this league."

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Tough-talking Harron warns Rams may be facing a relegation battle

DIRECTOR of rugby Lee Harron has warned the Rams face the likelihood of relegation unless everybody shows the necessary commitment in the New Year. Harlow remain second from bottom in RFU London division two north east after their last scheduled game before Christmas - against Enfield Ignatians four days ago - was postponed because of the snow.

The match has been re-arranged for Saturday, January 2 and will be the first game of the second half of the campaign. However, Harron said: "If we do not sort things out we could be in a lot of trouble and face relegation.

"You are lucky if you get 18 at training and you need more than that if you are going to put things together on a Saturday. There are some reasonable excuses for people not turning up for training and others which are not."

He added: "I feel sorry for the players who are buying into what we are trying to do. They are being let down by a few and are having to bear the brunt of things."

Harron has identified matches against Mersea Island, Norwich, Chelmsford and Enfield as must-win games.

"We need to win these games; we need some wins before the end of January," he said.

On the injury front, Harlow's supremo feels that players will be returning after Christmas.

"James Ephgrave (shoulder injury) should be OK in a week, while Kane Claridge (shoulder injury) should be all right when he comes back after Christmas."

Ephgrave's presence in the front row will boost the Rams up front while Claridge has plenty to offer in the back row.

Harron himself feels he may have recovered from his rib injury in time for the Enfield game and he may return at scrum-half, but lock Mark Twiner may take a few weeks to recover from his elbow injury.

SNOW GO: Harlow's game at Ram Gorse on Saturday was called off because the pitch was frozen

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